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THE BROOKS HOME

CLOSED BY THE STATE BOARD OF CHILDREN'S GUARDIANS.

Mrs. Brooks and her associates have been ordered to close the home for colored children in Glenwood Park, near Glenwood Park, N. J., by the State Board of Children's Guardians.

The Mary J. Brooks Home for colored children in Glenwood Park, near Glenwood Park, N. J., is now closed as an orphanage, with the prospect that this town will eventually be well rid of an institution that investigation has found to be undesirable.

Mary J. Brooks, the conductor of the institution, and the Rev. James Harris, the one-armed, are under bonds to appear before the Court of Quarter Sessions on charges of cruelty and neglect of children preferred against them by the New Jersey State Board of Children's Guardians. The Brooks Home has been under surveillance of the police department, the Overseer of the Poor, and the Board of Health for some time. The reason for the police taking an interest in the matter was on account of the statements made by Newark city officials to the effect that they had compelled Mrs. Brooks and her associates to move their institution out of that city. In the course of events the town authorities would not doubt have found it necessary for the good and welfare of the town to take action against Mrs. Brooks' institution, but its sudden termination is due to the State Board of Children's Guardians, and was brought about in connection with the H. H. murder case.

When Mrs. Hoff, wife of Thomas Hoff, was taken to jail as an accessory to the murder of her husband, there were five small children to be cared for. The youngest, an infant, the mother was permitted to keep with her, and the County Prosecutor ordered Overseer Lind to care for the four others until further provision was made for them.

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It is also another part of the work of the State Board of Children's Guardians to see to it that any case of neglect or cruelty to children, either in families or institutions, and when Mrs. Hoff was taken into custody, the Board of Children's Guardians took prompt measures to look after these children. Mrs. Hoff, who was taken to jail as an accessory to the murder of her husband, there were five small children to be cared for. The youngest, an infant, the mother was permitted to keep with her, and the County Prosecutor ordered Overseer Lind to care for the four others until further provision was made for them.

A hearing on the charge made by Mrs. Williamson took place before the Board on Tuesday afternoon. President For, Mrs. Williamson and General Agent Miss Day of the State Board of Children's Guardians were present for the society.

Mary J. Brooks, the Rev. James Harris, Simon Miller and all the children from the home were in the court room. Mrs. Williamson conducted the case for the State Board, and the Recorder after hearing the testimony of Mrs. Tiernan, a colored woman living on Montgomery street, this town, Overseer of the Poor Adam Lind, and Health Inspector Seymour F. Gilbert, placed Mrs. Brooks and the Rev. Mr. Harris under bonds to appear before the Court of Quarter Sessions.

The officials of the State Board of Children's Guardians took the children away from the Brooks Home and sent them to the place where they legally belonged and formerly came from. Two of the children were sent to Montclair, three to Newark and two were put in charge of Probation Officer Geaneph.

The assignment of the children was made by Miss Day and her orders were carried out by Overseer Lind.

Chief of Police Collins served notice on Mrs. Brooks that she must not bring any more children to the Glenwood Park house. The officials of the State Board of Children's Guardians are deserving of much credit for the prompt and effective work accomplished by them.

FIREMEN IN MIX UP.

Accident to Active Hose Company, No. 9-Dog.

Firemen's Injury—Collision Against a Hayrack's Injury—Three Others—Hose Wagon Damaged.

Members of Active Hose Company No. 2 met with a series of mishaps in attempting to respond to the alarm of fire from box No. 36 about half-past two o'clock Tuesday morning.

Fireman Thomas A. Fausett, the team, furnished a horse for the company's use and it is kept in Messenger's stable opposite the fire house. The horse is a large and powerful animal, and Fireman Robert Foster ran to the stable for the horse as soon as the alarm sounded and had it out in good time. As he was leading the horse to the hose wagon a dog belonging to Messenger sprang at the horse and frightened it. It plunged and reared, and Foster was thrown and the horse's heavy foot came down on his hand and mangled it. He got the horse to the fire house and then went to Dr. Wolfe's to have his injured hand dressed. While the doctor was busy attending Foster the horse was being led by Fireman James Mahoney of Active Hose Company with his face all lacerated. Mahoney told of the circumstances by which he received his injuries and added, "You ought to see the hose wagon."

It appears that after the horse was hitched to the wagon and the driver, William Madison, got under way, the horse collided with a hydrant opposite Ashworth's hotel and Madison and his horse were thrown from the wagon and sustained painful bruises. Mahoney was seated in the wire basket attached to the wagon, and in the collision his face came in violent contact with the wire netting and he was badly cut.

The horse broke away from the wagon and ran to Madison's hotel, where it stopped. It was brought back to the wagon and was hitched up again. The horse is not a vicious one, but the driver, says the driver, was with the horse, but, which was a different kind from that used on the harness with which the horse is used daily.

The harness of the hose wagon was damaged in the collision, and it will have to be sent to the repair shop. Foster is the most seriously injured of the several members of the company who were in the series of accidents.

To Regulate Cost of Living.

Before the Women's Club of Glen Ridge, in the parlors of the Congregational Church of that borough, Tuesday night, Mrs. Helen H. Richards of Boston spoke to a large audience on "How to Regulate the Cost of Living." A remedy for the high cost of living was the subject of the speaker's address. The speaker said that the cost of living was too high, and that it was necessary to take steps to regulate it. She said that the cost of living was too high, and that it was necessary to take steps to regulate it. She said that the cost of living was too high, and that it was necessary to take steps to regulate it.

Timely Discovery.

Policeman Gilbert Smith was on duty at the Centre about half-past two o'clock on Tuesday morning when his attention was attracted to the smell of burning oil and wood. The policeman proceeded to investigate, and found that the smoke was coming from Francis Brothers' hardware store. He went in an alarm from box No. 36. It was found that some sawdust under the oil cans in the store had become ignited, and a smoldering fire was in progress, making no noise, but emitting vast quantities of smoke. The policeman's timely discovery prevented a disastrous conflagration at the Centre.

Empire Theatre.

In the forthcoming engagement of Margaret Anglin in "Zira" at the Empire Theatre, Newark, next week, the pleasure is to be afforded of seeing the most talked of straight dramatic amusement of the present day. Miss Anglin and "Zira" held forth at the fashionable Princess Theatre in New York for over three months. "Zira" became famous in a single night, and the beautiful play proved a polite Broadway sensation. The attraction is one of the numerous enterprises of the Morris Shubert, managers of Sarah Bernhardt, De Wolf Hopper, Jefferson de Angelis, et al., and Henry Miller, the distinguished player who staged the production. Matinee Wednesday and Saturday.

By G. E. H.

The next meeting of the Women's Christian Temperance Union will be held on Tuesday afternoon, February 6, at 3 o'clock, at the residence of Mrs. F. B. Stone. Members and friends are invited to attend, as there will be important business to transact.

LOCAL OPTION

Again an Issue in State Politics—The Legislature Expected to Pass the Miller Bill—Large Crowd Attended a Hearing at Trenton.

Limited franchise, equal taxation, popular choice of United States Senators and other political issues that have been uppermost in political circles of late are likely to take second place next fall in the old and ever present issue of regulation of the liquor traffic. The Republican party in this State had a disastrous experience with that issue many years ago. A large element of the voting population that is quick to resent restrictive legislation touching the liquor traffic turned against the Republican party on account of a local option measure. So severe was the punishment inflicted that Republican nomination in this county for some offices went begging. It was while the party was in such predicament that Major Carl Lents was brought out as a leader and healed the breach, and as long as Major Lents has been in control no one has ventured to seriously propose local option schemes to the Republican party in Essex County. Some people are of the opinion that Major Lents' influence as a Republican party affair is on the wane and simply because of the spread of that impression the local option issue is again a persistent factor in politics.

Clergymen of various denominations and laymen from all parts of the State met in conference Tuesday in the Trenton House (Trenton) to consider the provisions of a bill to regulate the liquor traffic, which is to be introduced at this session of the Legislature.

Those present at the conference included Right Rev. Bishop Scarborough of the Episcopal Diocese, Right Rev. Bishop McFall of the Catholic Diocese, Rev. John A. Shepherd, Rev. Dr. Harry Collins Minton, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Rev. John D. Fox, pastor of State Street M. E. Church, Rev. Dr. Hugh MacQuay, pastor of Fourth Presbyterian Church, Right Rev. Bishop O'Connor of the Catholic Diocese, Rev. Father Kelly of Hoboken, Rev. D. J. Wright, Commissioner of Charities, and Councilman McGovern, Shepherd of Jersey City, and Fox of Trenton; Peter T. Backes and Charles B. Case of Trenton; Bayard Stockton of Princeton.

The bill prepared by Vice-Chancellor John A. Shepherd of Jersey City provides for the punishment of saloon-keepers by a heavy fine for selling intoxicants to minors, the punishment of persons sending children for liquors and the abolishment of the limitation of the number of saloons and a license fee of \$1,000.

The present law was discussed at considerable length. It was the consensus of opinion that many of the features of the proposed bill are covered by the existing law, which the clergymen maintained should be more rigidly enforced.

It was decided to appoint a committee to draft a bill to be presented at this session of the Legislature. The bill is to be so drawn that it will embody all the good features of the present law and other features deemed advisable. The committee is to report at the next meeting, which is to be held on February 14, in Trenton. Bayard Stockton was chairman of the meeting and Peter T. Backes secretary.

The committee is composed of former Justice Gilbert Collins of Jersey City, Right Rev. Bishop McFall of Trenton, Rev. O. H. Kelly of Hoboken, Right Rev. Bishop Scarborough, Rev. Dr. Harry Collins Minton, Rev. George B. Wright and Peter T. Backes of Trenton.

There appears to be a desire to reach out after too many good things at one time, and like the boy with his hand in the fire, an aversive desire to get a handful of good things may result in the loss of them all. The Clerys have injected some practical issues into politics, and it will take long and hard work to secure their embodiment in the statute books. If such issues as local option are forced into prominence now there is a likelihood of a big upset in politics, in which even the Clery issues may be lost.

Wedding Anniversary.

The fourteenth anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Augustus O. Ashby was observed in a pleasant manner at their home in Ashland avenue on Friday night of last week. The parties were decorated with pot-pourri, plants, and cut flowers, and the couple received numerous gifts of value.

Among the guests present were Councilman and Mrs. Jesse O. Green, Mr. and Mrs. Christian O. Hopper, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nicolai, Mr. and Mrs. James M. Belden, Miss Hildebrandt, Charles J. Hildebrandt, John Leibrick, Harry Meis and A. Metz, all of this town, and the Messrs. Messers and Bertha Wiesig, of Philadelphia. Songs were rendered by a quartet, and there was instrumental music and dancing. At midnight a collation was served.

TOWN COUNCIL

NEW LIGHTING CONTRACT TO BE MADE WITH PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATION.

Salaries of Town Officers Fixed—Councilman Murray Asked for Information as to Power of Public Service Corporation—Collector of Personal Taxes Resigned.

The Town Council held an adjourned meeting Monday night, at which the lighting contract was considered. Councilman Green, chairman of the Street Lighting Committee, reported that he and his colleagues, Mr. Murray, had investigated the public lighting question, and after going over the ground as thoroughly as possible found that a renewal of the contract with the Public Service Corporation was the most advantageous course open to the Council at the present time. Compared with the prices paid for public lighting in other towns the contract in operation here was a good one, and very favorable to the town, and the fact that the lighting franchise had five more years to run made it very difficult to make better terms with the corporation. "I am, however, prepared to report that your committee has succeeded in obtaining some concessions. The corporation will sign a five-year contract to furnish arc lights of 1,300-candle power at \$70 a year, and incandescent lights of 35-candle power at \$16 a year. This is a reduction of \$2 a year on arc lights, but no reduction was obtained on the smaller lights."

Four committees also succeeded in obtaining a discount of 35 per cent. on all municipal lights. This will be a saving of about \$1,000 during the next five years. I therefore move that a contract under those terms be entered into with the corporation." This was agreed to.

The Council fixed the salaries of the town officers at the same rate as last year with the exception of the superintendent of public works, which was raised from \$750 to \$850 a year. The town attorney was instructed to draw an amendment to the ordinance covering the above increase. On motion of Councilman Green it was ordered that the salaries of all officers fixed by ordinance be paid on the first day of each month, and that the Mayor, treasurer and clerk be authorized to sign checks for that purpose. The plan heretofore was to have the amounts paid off by the clerk at the first meeting of the Council each month and passed upon the same as bills.

A communication from the Board of Education asking for the appointment of two members of the Council for the Board of School Estimate was read. The Mayor, with the consent of the Council, appointed Councilmen Farrand and Green.

Councilman Murray asked for information as to what length a committee of the Council can go in the matter of creating liabilities. Town Attorney Farrand said the committee have no right to create a liability. Their duty was to recommend and the Council must confirm.

Elmer Chittling, collector of personal taxes, presented his resignation on account of other duties. Councilman Farrand, in moving the acceptance of the resignation, said he did so with regret and paid a tribute to the faithful work done by Mr. Chittling.

Peter J. Quinn having signified his willingness to sit with the Board of Assessors in the matter of the Orange street sidewalk, the members of the Board of Assessors reported to the Council that they had organized by electing Thomas Rawson, Jr., chairman, and Charles Ferguson, clerk. The next regular meeting of the Council will be held on Monday evening.

Married Fifty-One Years.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bickler gave a dinner Friday night of last week in honor of the fifty-first anniversary of their marriage. The event took place at their home on Maple street, and the guests numbered fifty-two, including Mr. and Mrs. Bickler's children and grandchildren. Mr. and Mrs. Bickler are among the oldest German residents of this town. Both are natives of Germany, and the only surviving original members of the German Presbyterian Church in Park avenue. Mr. Bickler formerly manufactured boxes for Manhattan, and at one time had a factory in Maple street. The couple are both in excellent health.

Guild Entertainment.

The large audience in attendance at the First Presbyterian Church Guild entertainment on Monday night enjoyed Richard A. Purdy's presentation of Shakespeare's tragedy, "Othello, the Moor of Venice." A monologues presentation of Shakespeare's play is a difficult undertaking, and Mr. Purdy performed the difficult task in a masterly manner Monday night. He told a well-connected story of the tragedy, and related some of the famous parts of the dialogue.

THOMAS EDWARD HAYES

Thomas Edward Hayes, aged 75 years, a lifelong resident of this town, and for many years clerk of the Board of Freeholders' Committee on Roads and Assessments, died at his home, 24 Benson street, Thursday. He had been in failing health for some time past.

Mr. Hayes was the son of the late Simon Riggs Hayes, and his surviving brother and sister are Ural Hayes of Middletown, N. Y., and Mrs. J. Corey Johnson of this town. He is also survived by a daughter, Mrs. Mary H. Perry, and a grandson, N. Lawrence Perry.

In early life Mr. Hayes was in the hardware and plumbing business in this town. The firm was Hargreaves & Hayes, and was located on the plot now occupied by the Harris Brothers' building. He was afterward in the real estate business.

Mr. Hayes was a Republican in politics, and was actively interested in political matters during his life, and was re-elected president of the Second Ward Republican Club about a month ago. He was a member of the Indian League, a well-known political organization in this county.

Mr. Hayes was postmaster here during President Harrison's administration, and free postal delivery was introduced here while he was in office. He was a member of the Township Committee when the public water supply was introduced.

When the civil war broke out Mr. Hayes enlisted in the Nineteenth Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers, and was named as quartermaster. He was stricken with illness soon after and was discharged.

As a member of the Bloomfield Fire Association Mr. Hayes took an active part in the organization of the volunteer fire department, and only recently resigned active membership in the department. He was a charter member of Essex Hook and Ladder Company, and was at different times president, secretary and foreman of that company, and also president of the Essex Firemen's Association. Mr. Hayes was a member of Bloomfield Lodge, No. 40, F. and A. M.

The funeral will take place Monday afternoon from his late residence, and will be attended by the members of the Masonic Lodge.

Next Guild Lecture.

Instead of the lecture of two weeks since the First Presbyterian Church Guild entertainment the next lecture will be given Tuesday evening of next week. The speaker will be Professor Edward A. Steiner of Iowa College, and his subject will be "Modern Russian Problems." Dr. Steiner is not only a speaker of exceptional ability but a rare entertainer. While he is a man of exceedingly keen and sensitive feelings, he is well balanced, and is possessed of the wisdom that goes with knowledge. He has just returned from Russia and a protracted visit at the home of Tolstoy, and has contributed to the "Outlook" a series of articles upon the life of Tolstoy. He is a profound student of social questions, both at home and abroad, and is particularly qualified to speak concerning Russian problems, as he is a recognized authority upon all Russian topics. He has crossed the Atlantic over twenty-four times, and it has been his choice to travel as a steerage passenger in order that he may have the better study and know mankind. As a college professor, as a pastor for many years, as a prolific contributor by tongue and pen to all debates on the developments of social Christianity and divine betterment, he fills to-day a large place in the church at large. Mr. Steiner has been in good demand on the lecture platform, and is one of the very speakers who has been invited again and again to address the Chautauque Assembly in New York.

Injunction Denied.

Vice-Chancellor Pitney on Tuesday denied the application for a preliminary injunction in the action brought by the Morris Canal and Banking Company and the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company to restrain the Diamond Paper Mills from discharging waste water into the canal. The matter came up on the return of rule to show cause granted on Tuesday of last week.

In the answer the defendant asserts that it has the right to use certain feed waters of the canal, conditioned upon the return of the same to the canal, under a contract made between the canal company and Christopher T. Unangst, who held the title before the paper mill concern. The defendant admits that the water is discolored to some extent, but denies that it is impure or offensive, or that it precipitates any deposit. Referring to the allegation that Thomas Oakes & Company's wooten mill was unable to use the water, the answer sets up that the Oakes mill secured its water from a pond supplied by Third river. The canal crosses the river by means of an aqueduct, and the canal being in a bad state of repair, the canal water leaks into the water supplied to the wooten mill.

The case is set down for hearing on April 4. Former Justice Gilbert Collins represented the plaintiff and Frederick T. Johnson the defendant.

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FACTS ABOUT MUSK.

How the Strong Perfume is Obtained and its Various Uses. Although musk is not usually realized by the delicate oratories of persons with cultivated sensibilities, there is no odor so extensively used in

OLD TIME TRAVELING.

The Stagecoach in England in the Seventeenth Century. The first stagecoach between the two capitals, London and Edinburgh, appears to have been started in 1688. It ran once a fortnight, and the time taken to the journey is

A QUEER ANIMAL

Parasitic Toadlike Creature That is Found in Surinam. In Surinam there is a remarkable toadlike creature the female of which carries the young in a series of cells in the thick skin, which as the young grow, the cells are

GREAT ROADS OF ANTIQUITY

The Most Magnificent Were Those of the Medival Periods. Perhaps the earliest road on record is that mentioned by Herodotus as having been constructed by Cheops, the Egyptian king. In order that stones might be dragged along it for his pyramids, in the opinion of the Greek trav-

It needs no match